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## SACHIKO KANEMOCHI

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5864]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 5864) for the relief of Sachiko Kanemochi, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of the minor Japanese step-daughter of a United States citizen serviceman. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is the step-daughter of Sgt. Joseph E. Murphy, a United States citizen serviceman who is presently married to the child's mother. The mother is a Canadian citizen by birth.

Congressman Jacob K. Javits, the author of the bill, submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in support of the bill:

OCTOBER 26, 1951.

Hon. JACOB K. JAVITS,  
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. JAVITS: I am replying further to your letter of September 7, 1951, in which you quote excerpts of a communication from Sic Joseph E. Murphy, RA12015077, concerning admission of his wife's daughter to the United States. You request verification of the statements made by the soldier.

An investigation was conducted by Sergeant Murphy's commanding officer and the facts determined are stated below:

1. Sergeant Murphy is legally married to Yuki Murphy, a Canadian citizen by birth, who had a child, Sachiko Kanemochi Murphy, by a former marriage to a citizen of Japan, Masao Ase.

2. Sergeant Murphy's wife was married to Masao Ase in 1943, and was divorced in 1944. Reason for the divorce was desertion.

3. The American consul in Kobe, Japan, has stated that the child, Sachiko Kanemochi Murphy, would be admissible to the United States if a separate bill were introduced and passed by the Congress.

I have also been advised that Sergeant Murphy has been assigned to his present unit for approximately 25 months; that he is one of the most outstanding non-commissioned officers of the unit; and that during this period he has never received any but the highest of ratings from his superiors.

Sergeant Murphy's commanding officer thinks so highly of him that he has personally recommended that the soldier's request for introduction of a bill to admit his stepdaughter be given every consideration. He considers him an intelligent, mature individual who, after a personal interview, has proved to be of sound judgment and ability to understand any and all difficulties that could arise after his return to the United States.

I hope that the information I have given will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

K. B. BUSH,  
Major General, United States Army,  
Acting the Adjutant General.

Co. C, KQMD, 8067TH ARMY UNIT,  
APO 317, c/o POSTMASTER,  
San Francisco, Calif., August 13, 1951.

Hon. JACOB K. JAVITS,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR CONGRESSMAN: I should like you to introduce a bill in Congress to admit my wife's 6-year-old daughter, Sachiko Kanemochi, to the United States. My wife is a Canadian citizen by birth but her daughter is a Japanese citizen, as she was born in Japan. I will take steps to adopt her legally as soon as we enter the United States. She can pass all physical and mental requirements needed to enter the United States.

I expect to be rotated to the zone of interior within the next 2 months, so please give this matter immediate attention. I am a Regular Army man of 11 years and have been in Japan 38 months. My legal address in the United States is 644 West One Hundred and Seventy-third Street, New York 32, N. Y.

Please advise me at the earliest possible moment of any action you may take in my behalf and if you need further information please contact me immediately.

Very truly yours,

Sgt. (1c) JOSEPH E. MURPHY.

Co. C, KOBE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, 8067th ARMY UNIT,  
APO 317, c/o POSTMASTER,  
San Francisco, Calif., November 25, 1951.

Hon. JACOB K. JAVITS,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR CONGRESSMAN: We thank you for your interest in our case for introducing a bill for us. As it stands now we will not be leaving Japan until after April 30, 1952.

My commanding officer, Colonel Thrower, took an active interest in my situation and helped me get a 6-month extension; even though it was not a policy to be extended in the Far East command.

Our outlook for taking a child home with us is far better now, and will it be possible for you to give me any idea when a bill (H. R. 5864) would be passed. Again both my wife and I thank you for all you have done and we shall remember your kindness for the rest of our lives

Yours very sincerely,

Master Sgt. JOSEPH E. MURPHY.

Senator Irving M. Ives has introduced in the Senate a bill, S. 3160, for the relief of the same child. Inasmuch as the committee is reporting on the instant bill favorably, the bill, S. 3160, will be indefinitely postponed.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 5864) should be enacted.

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